

Supporting Information for: Instabilities of layers of deposited molecules on chemically stripe patterned substrates: Ridges vs. drops

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1 Implementation in AUTO-07p

For the treatment with the continuation toolbox AUTO-07p, we transform the set of equations that determines the steady state solutions *and* the accompanying linear stability problem into a set of first order ordinary differential equations. The application of the continuation approach to a similar thin film equation is outlined in Ref. 1 while explanations of technical details and example codes can be found in the tutorials `drop`, `hetdrop`, and `lindrop` of Ref. 2.

In particular, we transform the nonautonomous Eq. (5) of the main text

$$\partial_x^2 h_0(x) + \Pi(h_0, x) + C = 0$$

that is of second order and the nonautonomous Eqs. (7)

$$\begin{aligned} \beta h_1 = & -Q(h_0)(\partial_x^2 - q^2) \\ & \times [(\partial_x^2 - q^2)h_1 + (\partial_h \Pi(h_0, x))h_1] \\ & - (\partial_x Q(h_0))\partial_x [(\partial_x^2 - q^2)h_1 + (\partial_h \Pi(h_0, x))h_1] \end{aligned}$$

that is of fourth order into an autonomous system of seven first order ODEs on the interval $[0, 1]$. To this end, we first define the independent variable $\xi := x/L$ with L denoting the

physical domain size. Next, we introduce the variables

$$u_1(\xi) = h_0(L\xi) - \bar{h} , \quad (1)$$

$$u_2(\xi) = \left. \frac{dh_0}{dx} \right|_{x=L\xi} , \quad (2)$$

$$u_3(\xi) = h_1(L\xi) , \quad (3)$$

$$u_4(\xi) = \left. \frac{dh_1}{dx} \right|_{x=L\xi} , \quad (4)$$

$$u_5(\xi) = \left. \frac{d^2h_1}{dx^2} \right|_{x=L\xi} , \quad (5)$$

$$u_6(\xi) = \left. \frac{d^3h_1}{dx^3} \right|_{x=L\xi} , \quad (6)$$

$$u_7(\xi) = L\xi . \quad (7)$$

Here, \bar{h} denotes the mean film thickness. With the notation $\dot{u}_i(\xi) = du_i(\xi)/d\xi$, the system of first order ODEs reads

$$\dot{u}_1 = Lu_2 \quad (8)$$

$$\dot{u}_2 = -L[\Pi(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) + C] \quad (9)$$

$$\dot{u}_3 = Lu_4 \quad (10)$$

$$\dot{u}_4 = Lu_5 \quad (11)$$

$$\dot{u}_5 = Lu_5 \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_6 = L \left\{ -\frac{\beta u_3}{Q_0} + q^2 u_5 - \partial_x^2(h_1 \partial_h \Pi_0) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\partial_x Q_0}{Q_0} [(u_6 - q^2 u_4 + \partial_x(h_1 \partial_h \Pi_0))] \right. \\ \left. + q^2 [u_5 - q^2 u_3 + \Pi'(\bar{h} + u_1) u_3] \right\} \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{u}_7 = L \quad (14)$$

with $Q_0 = Q(u_1 + \bar{h})$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x(h_1 \partial_h \Pi_0) &= \Pi''(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) u_2 u_3 + \Pi'(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) u_4 \\ &\quad + \Pi'_x(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) u_3, \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x^2(h_1 \partial_h \Pi_0) &= \Pi'''(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) u_2^2 u_3 \\ &\quad + \Pi''(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) (\partial_x^2 h_0) u_3 \\ &\quad + 2\Pi''(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) u_2 u_4 \\ &\quad + \Pi'(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) u_5 \\ &\quad + 2\Pi'_x(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) u_4 \\ &\quad + 2\Pi''_x(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) u_2 u_3 \\ &\quad + \Pi'_{xx}(\bar{h} + u_1, u_7) u_3. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

In the last two equations, primes denote derivatives w.r.t. h while the index x denotes a derivative w.r.t. x at constant h . The equation for $x = u_7$ allows to write the heterogeneity function in an autonomous way. This is necessary because AUTO-07p only solves autonomous ODEs.

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